

REMARKS

This RCE Submission is responsive to the Final Office Action dated March 1, 2002. Claim 1 remains pending. It is submitted that the present claimed invention patentably distinguishes over the prior art for the detailed reasons below.

As To The Merits:

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over **Farls** (U.S. Patent No. 2,710, 639) in view of **Gilbert** (U.S. Patent No. 3,234,985). Claim 1 also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over **Kopkin** (GB 125,568) in view of **Farls**. It is submitted that the cited prior art does not teach or suggest all the features recited in amended claim 1.

For instance, **Gilbert** fails to disclose that the outer cover 50 is detachably put outside of the main body by means of a plurality of hooks located on the outer surface of the main body. For example, as illustrated in Fig. 2 of the present application, hooks 10 located on the outer surface of the main body 1 are used to fix the outer cover 9 to the main body 1. **Gilbert** fails to disclose this arrangement. Instead, according to **Gilbert**:

To secure the desired outer decorative cover 50 to the handbag frame the top edges of the cover are formed into folds 52 about the inserts 38, as shown in enlarged detail in Fig. 3, so that the edges 54 of the outer cover are positioned between outer lining 32 and flange 40 of the inserts 38. The inserts 38 with the overlying folds 52 thereon

are forced into the channels 20 in the direction of the arrow, as shown in Fig. 3, while the decorative cover 50 is drawn snugly about the lining 32. Only slight pressure is required for this purpose, due to the resiliency of the inserts, which securely hold the outer decorative cover 50 after emplacement, in channels 20.¹

In addition, **Kopkin** fails to disclose such an arrangement. Basically, the cited art does not teach or suggest, either alone or in combination, the features of amended claim 1 for a plurality of hooks located on the outer surface of the main body to fix the outer cover to the main body. For at least these reasons, the present claimed invention patentably distinguishes over the prior art.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version with markings to show changes made.**"

¹Please see, lines 10-21, column 2 of **Gilbert**.


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In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been amended to read as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A completely waterproofed bag means comprising a main body made of a mesh material as a whole except an opening portion thereof, a completely waterproofed inner bag to be put in the main body detachably, said main body including a plurality of hooks located on its outer surface,

and a smooth-surface outer cover which is detachably put on said plurality of hooks outside of [a] said main body to cover said mesh material completely.